

***Sending***

**Benediction**  
**Sending Hymn**  
**Dismissal**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#244

Please hold in prayer this week	
Lori Storms	Terry Irwin
Boyd Lundquist	Debbie
Sandy Schmidt	Wendy
Karyn Baell	Ethan Grimm
Peg Scott	

Worship Leaders for December 17		Worship Leaders for December 24	
<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum	<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers	<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gracelynn Heggstad	<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Run A/V</b>	Josh Bugbee	<b>Run A/V</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen	<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Meyer & Sue Meyer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Olav & Ruth Steen	<b>Altar Guild</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Food & Fellowship—Potluck	<b>Fellowship</b>	

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**God Invites Our Generosity**  
11/26/23 Offering: \$3,656  
Attendance: 82

**Children’s Christmas Program**

December 17, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



***East Union Lutheran Church***  
*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Welcome  
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.** God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God, **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “People, Look East” #248

Greeting  
This Is the Feast page 149

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Advent Wreath Song “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”, vs. 3 #240

Children’s Christmas Program—Please join the children with verse 1 and refrain on the following songs:

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

“We Three Kings"

- 1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

“Joy to the World"

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Sharing of the Peace  
Offering

Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” #692  
*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.*

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving page 152  
Holy, Holy, Holy page 153

Words of Institution  
The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 154  
Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” page 154  
“I Come with Joy” #482  
“Come to the Table” #481

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.